

April 3, 1865

The Union troops passed calmly the 1st line of Confederate works, but as they met no opposition, they went by the next line at the double quick & marched in triumph through the streets. But they found confusion, an extensive conflagration and a reign of pillage & disorder. Their commander Weitzel, received the surrender of Richmond.

at the City hall @ 8:15 AM and by 7 PM,
they had quelled the tumult and put out
the fires, but not before a considerable
portion of the City had been destroyed

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The Army of Northern Virginia evacuated Richmond and Petersburg during the night of Apr 2 and the early AM of Apr. 3. Grant without visiting Richmond set out after them in hot pursuit.

After a chase of 80 miles, he hemmed them in and compelled their surrender.

Apr 4, 1865

Pres. Lincoln visited Richmond
from City Point. He walked about
1.5 mi through the city streets
accompanied by Admiral Porter and
three other officers with a guard
of only 10 sailors armed with cutlasses.
He was received with demonstrations
of joy by the negroes & met with neither
molestation nor indignity.

Lincoln passed the night in
Richmond

Apr 5, 1865

After passing the night in
Richmond, Lincoln returned
to City Point

April 6, 1865

Bath at Sayles Creek Virginia